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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) Food & Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing to support PERMANENT, MANDATORY LABELING of irradiated and genetically altered food crops, with a disclosure statement and the radura symbol.

I want to make an informed choice about the food I buy, and without this labeling, that becomes impossible. Proposals to reduce the size of the statement or symbol, or move the labeling to a less conspicuous part of the food packaging or produce displays is unacceptable.

The proposal to change the terminology from "treated with radiation" to "treated by cold pasteurization" is but a transparent attempt to avoid the responsibility to be truthful with the food-buying public.

Further, there should be no expiration date for labeling of irradiated foods.

We must have PROMINENT & PERMANENT LABELING of all irradiated foods and genetically altered food crops.

Thank you for your consideration.

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